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From: Behm, Brittany (CDC/OID/NCEZID) [jiz9@cdc.gov]
Sent: 5/26/2017 1:03:37 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
CC: Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Upcoming CDC paper on azole-resistant Aspergillus
Attachments: Aspergillus in soil_communication material_CDC.docx

Hi, just a heads up that the article mentioned below will likely be published in the next week or so. Attached are some key points that we will use when communicating about the paper. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Brittany

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From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 1:44 PM
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Subject: Re: Upcoming CDC paper on azole-resistant Aspergillus

Hi Brittany,

I sent your inquiry to press@epa.gov

I'm on detail to the office of the administrator.

Cathy

Sent from my iPhone
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On May 9, 2017, at 1:41 PM, Behm, Brittany (CDC/OID/NCEZID) <jiz9@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi Cathy,

I found your contact information on EPA's newsroom, but please pass this along to whoever needs to know. I wanted to give you a heads up that CDC has a paper coming out in the next few weeks in the *Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy* titled "Isolation of azole-resistant *Aspergillus fumigatus* from the environment in the southeastern United States."

We are not planning proactive press on it, but will likely do some partner communication. Clinicians and agriculture industry would be most interested. The main takeaway is that azole resistant *Aspergillus* can be found in the environment in the U.S. so there is an increased likelihood that we will soon find it in

more patients. Continued use of azoles on these fields will continue to lead to more azole resistant *Aspergillus* and could cause wider spread of the resistant isolates.

We wanted you to be prepared just in case you receive questions about the safety of spraying azole fungicides in the environment, or something related.

I'll be sure to keep you posted on a publication date when we receive one.

Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,
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